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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE: WRAP-UP OF COMMITTEE TWO
(COOPERATION)

FROM USDEL

1. SUMMARY: ONCE GENERAL OUTLINES OF AGENDA WERE ESTABLISHED (LIMA 4609), ATTENTION OF MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS TRANSFERRED TO COMMITTEE ONE AND THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND THE TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED THERE. COMMITTEE TWO OPERATED, FOR THE MOST PART, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF EITHER THE JUNIOR MEMBERS OR WITH REPRESENTATION OF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS. WHILE PERU SUBMITTED A NUMBER OF WORKING DOCUMENTS, DISCUSSIONS WERE LOW KEY AND, EXCEPT FOR LAST FORMAL SESSION, DID NOT LEAD TO REAL DIALOGUE.

2. IN EARLIER DISCUSSION OF AGENDA AND SCOPE OF WORK, U.S. SAID IT WISHED TO SUGGEST ADDITIONS TO WIDEN SCOPE OF PROJECTED WORK TO COVER ROLE OF THE SYSTEM AS AN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND THE TASK OF
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DIVISION AND COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES AMONG THE

VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AT WORK IN THE HEMISPHERE. THESE ADDITIONS WERE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT, AND ONCE ACCEPTED, AT THE REQUEST OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CALLED UPON THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A WORKING PAPER OUTLINING THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN BY SUCH AGENCIES, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. IN LATER STAGES, WORK OF COMMITTEE SETTLED INTO PATTERN: A WORKING DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY PERU, FOLLOWED BY AN ORAL PRESENTATION. DOCUMENTS WERE COINED IN GENERAL TERMS; ORAL PRESENTATIONS WERE NON-POLEMIC, GENERALLY IN A LOWER KEY THAN WORKING DOCUMENT ON SAME SUBJECT, AND SEEMED TO CONSCIOUSLY AVOID SETTING UP POSSIBLE "CONFRONTATION" SITUATIONS WITH U.S. TOPICS COVERED BY GOP PRESENTATIONS WERE: "ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY" (DOC. 3), "THE SYSTEM OF COOPERATION FOR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT" (DOC. 4), "EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE AS ELEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT" (DOC.5), "SOCIAL STANDARDS" (DOC. 10).

4. DESPITE NOW-POLEMIC ATMOSPHERE AND GENERAL CHARACTER, PERUVIAN PROPOSALS CONTAIN PREMISES WHICH WILL GIVE U.S. PROBLEMS IN FUTURE MEETINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, PROPOSED SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY IS BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS WE WOULD FIND DIFFICULT TO RATIONALIZE; I.E., "COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WOULD IMPLY RENUNCIATION OF THE USE OF ECONOMIC FORCE AND OF UNILATERAL POWER POLICIES...AND....AT THE SAME TIME...WOULD MEAN COMMITMENT TO A COLLECTIVE ACTION TO REJECT THIS USE OF ECONOMIC FORCE AND TO PREVENT ANY SITUATION OR CONTROVERSY LIABLE TO ENDANGER LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT." IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS SYSTEM WOULD NOT ONLY ADDRESS THE "NEGATIVE" ASPECTS AFFECTING ECONOMIC SECURITY, BUT ALSO WOULD HOPE TO INSURE THE PROPER "CONDITIONS" OR "ATMOSPHERE" FOR DEVELOPMENT ALONG LA TERMS; I.E., "WHEN A STATE CHOOSES AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS DUTY BOUND NOT ONLY TO RESPECT THAT STATE'S RIGHTS, BUT....TO COOPERATE PEACEFULLY WITH THAT STATE AS WELL.... LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOREOVER, IN THE CASE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PEACEFUL COOPERATION AND COLLECTIVE ACTION MUST BE COMPLEMENTED BY SPECIAL TREATMENT..." THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO THEM, RESTS ON RECENT EVOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, MOST IMPORTANTLY EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTIONS IN THE UN AND SPECIFICALLY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2634 AND 3016 AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 330.

5. THE PERUVIAN WORKING DOCUMENT ON "THE SYSTEM OF COOPERATION FOR OVERALL COOPERATION" RESTS ON MANY POSTULATES WHICH THE U.S. HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED. ITS PRIMARY THESIS IS: "ACCORDINGLY, THE NEW SYSTEM OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION MUST SEEK ITS INSPIRATION PRIMARILY IN THE POSTULATES ESTABLISHED IN THE LATIN AMERICAN CONSENSUS OF VINA DEL MAR (1969), IN CIES RESOLUTUION 50 (BOGOTA 1973), AND IN THE EVALUATION OF QUITO (ECLA 1973)." IN SETTING OUT THE SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION SYSTEM, THE DOCUMENT CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE EQUITABLE TRADE CONDITIONS AND A GREATER SHARE OF WORLD TRADE (BOTH OF WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION), INCREASED USE OF MULTILATERAL MECHANISMS TO CHANNEL EXTERNAL FINANCIAL COOPERATION, CONTROL OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, A COMMON LATIN AMERICAN POLICY AND TREATMENT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT, "ENSHRINING" THE FIGHT OF AMERICAN STATES TO PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO THE FREE DISPOSAL THEREOF, THE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF COASTAL STATES TO DISPOSE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE SEAS ADJACENT TO THEIR COASTS, JOINT CONTROL OF OTHER SEA AND SEABED RESOURCES, AND LDC PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS OF SETTLING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, TRADE, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY PROBLEMS.

6. EVEN IN THE AREA OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, THE PERUVIAN DOCUMENT IS BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF A CONFLICT SITUATION. WHILE THE OVERALL FIVE POINT PROGRAM OF PRESERVATION, RESEARCH, DISSEMINATION, PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF

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LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN ITSELF SOUNDS REASON-
ABLE, IT RESTS ON THE ASSUMPTION OF FOREIGN "CULTURAL
DOMINATION" "TO ESTABLISH A PARADIGMATIC IMAGE OF THE
MASS CONSUMPTION, MARKET-ECONOMY SOCIETY."

7. ON JULY 11, DURING LAST WORKING SESSION OF COMMITTEE
TWO, U.S. (LION) PRESENTED WORKING DOCUMENT DISCUSSING
UNREALISTIC ASSUMPTION THAT U.S. WAS EITHER TO BLAME FOR
LDC STATUS OF LATIN AMERICA OR THAT, BY ACCEDING TO A
SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY, COULD ASSUME THE
SUCCESS OF LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. (TEXT
TRANSMITTED USINFO LIMA 4858 DTG 112135Z.) PRESENTATION LED TO
ONLY THRU DIALOGUE IN COMMITTEE TWO. PERUVIAN REP (ALZAMORA)
REJECTED U.S. CONTENTION THAT EACH STATE CAN MAKE ITS OWN
DECISIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT FIELD, BUT--IN APPARENT MIS-
UNDERSTANDING OF THRUST OF U.S. POINT--HELD DEVELOPMENT
DECISIONS HAD TO BE MADE IN THE WORLD POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC CONTEXT. PERU THEN WENT ON DESCRIBING FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE IN ITS WIDEST CONTEXT--MORE THAN FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE, TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT
POSSIBLE SUCH AS ACCESS TO MARKETS, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY
AND INVESTMENT. PERU CALLED THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE MORE
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THAN A "RESPONSIBILITY" SINCE IT WAS BASED ON "SOLIDARITY"
INCORPORATED IN NUMEROUS HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD DECLARATIONS
TO WHICH THE U.S. HAS ASCRIBED. PERU SAID: "WE ASK THE
UNITED STATES FOR THAT COOPERATION, WHICH WE CANNOT FORCE
IT TO GIVE AND WHICH WE ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO SEEK ON
BENDED KNEE. STILL, IT IS OUR DUTY TO RAISE THIS
QUESTION...WE ARE REALISTS AND WE KNOW THAT THIS
COOPERATION WILL ULTIMATELY DEPEND...ON THE DEGREE
OF POLITICAL WILL TO PROVIDE IT."

8. COMMENT: RELATIVE CALM IN COMMITTEE TONE WAS PARTLY
UNEXPECTED AND SEEMS TO BE DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS. FIRST,
MOST DELEGATIONS COULD ONLY COVER ONE SUBCOMMITTEE AND
EXTENDED DEBATE IN COMMITTEE ONE AND THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
ON PRINCIPLES PULLED MANPOWER AWAY FROM THE COMMITTEE
WORK. SECONDLY, LATIN AMERICAN POSITION HAS BEEN IN
THE MOST PART ESTABLISHED IN THE CONSENSUS OF VINA DEL
MAR, CIES RES 50 AND AT ECLA AT QUITO. THERE WAS LITTLE
NEED FOR THEM TO DISCUSS WHAT THEY WANTED. THIRDLY,

EXCEPT FOR PERU--AND TO A MUCH LESSER EXTENT, MEXICO AND
BRAZIL--OTHER DELEGATIONS DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT GUIDE-
LINES FOR SPECIFIC ACTION HERE. AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT-
LY, THE LATINS SEEMED TO BE WAITING FOR A U.S. REPLY TO A
NON-POLEMICAL PRESENTATION OF THEIR POSITION ON COOPERATION
FOR DEVELOPMENT. IN ALMOST THE LAST INTEVENTION IN THE
COMMITTEE, THE CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE SUMMARIZED IT WELL;
IN THE VINA, BOGOTA AND QUITO DOCUMENTS THE LATINS HAVE
GIVEN THEIR PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT;
IN THE PRESENTATIONS IN LIMA, THEY HAVE GIVEN THE GENERAL
GUIDELINES OF THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM THEY
WOULD LIKE; THEY ARE NOW WAITING FOR AN INDICATION
OF THE EXTENT OF THE U.S. POLITICAL WILL TO COOPERATE.
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